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1. Lieutenant Colonel SAKALOV, believed to be (sic) a Soviet intelligence officer for the areas of Astara, Kalaputi, Arshaq, and Mogham, was recently replaced by Lieutenant Colonel SISIONOV. Colonel SISIONOV, also believed (sic) to be an intelligence officer, holds the official title of Frontier Commander of Kaluz, and has replaced Major PANASOK.
2. The number of guards at the Jugeh border post has been doubled recently, bringing the total to 50, while the activity of the Soviet frontier guards and patrols has increased considerably in Dash Burun (N37-37, E54-48). Since 14 September, searchlights between Zalief and Aji-Yab have been cast on Iranian Noslatihev every night, and a group of Soviet soldiers are digging trenches opposite Iranian Asadlu, in the Garmi area. The activity of the soldiers between Asadlu and Afjeh has increased recently, especially at night. Recently the Commander-in-Chief of the Azerbaydzhan forces, a Soviet general, made an inspection tour of all frontier posts.
3. A large quantity of food has been conveyed to the Kalaputi frontier post. A truckload of ammunition arrived in Kalaputi recently. A field gun has been transferred from Kalaputi to Amstamang frontier post.
4. On 9 September 1952, the anniversary of the succession of Ali to the Caliphate, [REDACTED]
5. On 15 September, Soviet soldiers were engaged in observation operations with a tripod field glass between Daiman (N38-51, E48-03) and Qaraultashski (N38-47, E48-04). Cavalry units under the command of Colonel ROMANKO performed military

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operations and maneuvers in Hamusham and Bandsar. Qaleh-Dahaneh airport has been completed. Six two-engined planes arrived in Leji and Qaleh-Dahaneh and then departed after inspecting the border area; the reconnaissance planes have been sent from Hossein-Gholi (N37-30, E54-06) to Baiat-Haji (N37-37, E54-48) several times recently. Eight ships equipped with antiaircraft machine guns guard the coast of Lenkoran; the ships and the coastal batteries are under the command of Nazarov. Thirty war vessels are anchored opposite the Baku transport station.

6. On 16 September Soviet soldiers in Astara took part in military exercises with fixed bayonets. Astara's garrison has been placed under the command of the 24th Regiment stationed at Lenkoran. The 24th Regiment is part of the 2038th Military District of the Soviet Army, and it has three battalions under the border cadre.²
7. The 16th Artillery Unit of the Lenkoran garrison is stationed in Lavam village, approximately 7 kilometers from Alachai (N38-28, E48-46). The installation is visible from the Iranian Qal'eh (N38-27, E48-47) frontier post.
8. Three roads for military use are under construction:
 - a. Daiman to Lenkoran.
 - b. Lejhi to Lenkoran.
 - c. Kalaputi (Lirik) via Isa-Seyfi to Lenkoran.³

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2. [REDACTED] has been previously reported in [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Comment: The road from Kalaputi (Lirik) to Lenkoran has been mentioned in a previous report.

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